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This Week's Headlines

## Company News

### Basildon and Chelmsford Offices

The Basildon and Chelmsford offices have merged. Staff previously based at Wilson House, Basildon are now located at the Chelmsford Office (Alexandra Court, 36 Church Street, Great Baddow, Chelmsford, Essex)

We hope this is the start of a new era for the growth of opportunities in the south east.

[Becky Jagger, Chelmsford](#)

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## Projects & Disciplines

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Alan Frew, Project Director, and John Forshaw, Project Manager, represented Scott Wilson and, along with other members of the project team, accepted the Community Award from ICE President, David Orr, at the North West dinner in Liverpool.

The A66 route in Cumbria is a major trans-Pennine trunk road connecting the M6 at Penrith in the west across to the A1(M) in the east at Scotch Corner. The Temple Sowerby section is the latest to be upgraded to dual carriageway providing improved journey times and reliability along the A66. Temple Sowerby is a small village lying in a rural setting of high environmental sensitivity. Any route bypassing the village requires to cross over the River Eden, one of England's major rivers, a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), a European Designated Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and renowned for its exceptional high level of water quality.

Scott Wilson has been involved since early 2000, initially as Designer taking the project through scheme assessment stages, order publication and a public inquiry and more recently as Client's Agent supervising the construction works. The scheme itself provides safe overtaking opportunities and a much needed bypass for the village as the road is extensively used by HGVs and, as a consequence of this, the amenity of the village has suffered greatly.

The recent award follows the presentation of the Target Zero Safety Award by the Highways Agency in 2007 which recognised the excellent safety record on the project during construction. The award acknowledged the efforts of all the main parties associated with the project and gained recognition at the Highways Agency's Major Projects Conference as a scheme rewarded for the achievement of 'zero accidents'.

Overall A66 Temple Sowerby has been a great success as it reflects the capabilities Scott Wilson has to deliver a major project, utilising a range of resources from different offices including roads engineering, structures, environmental, geotechnical, traffic, economic and contract administration skills. The success of the project was further confirmed by the award of 'Best Project' within the Scotland and Ireland Division 2007 and being short-listed for the Scott Wilson Group Award.

Congratulations to all involved!

[Cathy Williamson](#), Business Development Officer, Belfast

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## Central Man U, Thailand

Scott Wilson Thailand have been appointed as the Structural Engineer for a major retail and hotel development, the "Central Man U" project, in Bangkok for the Central Retail Corporation.



The project will be one of the most iconic and distinctive buildings in Bangkok and is intended to be the premier retail centre and shopping experience in Thailand, with a challenging and innovative design by Future Systems architectural practice who are based in the UK.

The project is currently referred to as "Central Man U" due to the CRC's Chairman's predilection to Manchester United, and is of course at this stage merely a project pseudonym until such time that a formal development name is chosen. In fact, Scott Wilson Thailand were appointed on the project back in December 2007 but, due to confidentiality, we

were requested by CRC not to even make an internal SW announcement about our appointment and the project. Please note that still today we have not been given authority to refer to this project outside the SW group or make any public statement, but hopefully, once CRC can decide upon the name for the development and make a formal press release, we will then be able to prepare a nice full project data sheet.

The development comprises seven levels (GFA 70,000 sqm) of spacious and modern retail space with an unparalleled extent of open areas and walkways in the Mall areas. The intention is to offer the top market brands and shopping experience in Bangkok.



At one end of the development will be a 30-storey 5-star top brand hotel (GFA 30,000m<sup>2</sup>) which folds around an open central atrium and also slopes in a gentle and graceful form on two of the building facades following the architectural concept of a twisted figure-of-eight.

The scheme also requires a five level basement (GFA 50,000m<sup>2</sup>) for car parking and lower ground hotel and retail space with two new connection bridges to the existing Central Chidlom Department Store and to the Bangkok Skytrain System.

Central Retail Corporation (CRC) has developed its dominant retail brand since the 1950s to become the largest retail group in Thailand. The company has been a pioneer in the retail sector claiming several “firsts” in providing upscale and speciality retail formats in Thailand. They have continually developed new formats, merchandise and shopping experiences to match the latest market needs.

The “Central Man U” project is yet another example of the group’s drive to maintain its position in the retail sector as the most innovative and progressive retail provider. The group has also diversified over the years into hotels and resorts and have several other large scale developments totalling over a half a billion dollars of investment over the next few years. Thus, CRC is seen as a key strategic client for SW. <http://www.centralretail.com/>

**Future Systems** is an architectural and design practice producing highly original work. The designs are not only architecturally innovative and visually striking, but are also pieces of highly functional equipment, inspired by both nature and technologies transferred from other industries. Some of their more notable and award winning projects have been the Selfridges Department Store in Birmingham and the Lord’s Media Centre at the MCC Cricket Ground in London. <http://www.future-systems.com/>

We are very pleased to be working with Future Systems, one of the UK’s top architectural practices, and we are very grateful and pleased to have Lesley Paine and her team from the Scott Wilson Cambridge office supporting us on the project, as UK architect liaison.

[Richard Bartlett](#), General Manager, Scott Wilson Thailand

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**AMScott’s Grand Scheme Wins Environment Award**

An innovative scheme to reconstruct part of the A52 at Radcliffe-on-Trent in Nottinghamshire by recycling existing material has won an environmental award and £1,000 for the scheme design team at AMScott in Mansfield.

It was selected as a joint winner in the Environment section of Alfred McAlpine's Corporate Responsibility Awards, earning the design team £500 and a further £500 split between two charities, the British Heart Foundation and McMillan Cancer Support.

The scheme, project managed by Nick Lowe and designed by Mark Walker, used an innovative pavement construction technique called cold recycled bitumen also known within the industry as Foamed Asphalt, which is a pavement product produced by "Tarmac".

The use of Foamed Asphalt to recycle the lower layers of the existing pavement is the first within Area 7 and joins only a handful of other schemes across the Highways Agency's network which has embraced this alternative pavement construction. Although the technique requires a Departure from Standards the Highway Agency is now encouraging its use on a wider scale.

The use of the Foamed Asphalt allowed the existing hazardous coal tar material which had been identified within the lower layers of the pavement to be recycled back into the new pavement construction without the need for expensive treatment and removal to tip. By also reusing these materials on site the amount of raw materials needing processing and transporting to the site, which reduced the number of HGV movements and CO2 emissions was far less than traditional pavement construction techniques.

Overall the initiative to use cold recycled bitumen provided a cost saving of almost 40% and provided major benefits to the environment.



*The photograph shows left to right Kevin Marshall, Business Manager for Tarmac National Contracting, Andy Butler from AMScott, Neil Leake, Tarmac Area Manager, Nick Lowe from AMScott.*

[Nigel Richardson](#), Communications Manager, Mansfield

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### Winning awards - could your project be the next one?

We have won a number of awards over the last year within Scott Wilson and it's now the turn of the environment teams across the company to tell the industry of their successes. The **Edie Awards for Environmental Excellence** have opened for entries for 2008 - now in their second year and the categories include:

- Carbon Reduction
- Waste & Recycling
- Water & Wastewater
- Sustainable Construction
- Renewable Energy
- Green Corporate Initiatives

We are in a strong position to submit entries in all these categories and I would like to ask you to consider what you could put forward from your respective projects that would have a good chance of winning and help raise our profile within the industry. Where there are a number of potential entries, we will select the ones with the greatest chance of winning for submission.

Please forward your ideas and a short description (no more than 150 words) of the project and why you feel it would win to Christina Petrides by **14 March**.

Edie is Europe's leading website connecting environmental professionals and providing the latest industry information to over 35,000 registered newsletter subscribers. The awards will be judged by a panel of experts including: Sir John Harman (Environment Agency), Nicky Gavron (Deputy Mayor of London), Dr Liz Goodwin (WRAP), Peter Bonfield (BRE), Dr Tom Stephenson (Cranfield University) and Dr Peter Stansby (Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research).

[Christina Petrides](#), Senior Consultant, London

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### How E are you?

'How e are you?' asks you to complete a short survey and then works out your personal e-score, based on what you have and haven't done online.

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[Jo Webb](#), Resourcing Advisor – HR, Basingstoke

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## People



Congratulations to **Alessandro Di Cesare** for his registration as an Architect with the Architect' s Registration Board UK.

He has been a valuable member of the Architects Department at Oxford for the past 2 years and will now become a Chartered Architect.

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Welcome to **Rebecca Jackson** who joined the Newcastle office from university in September 2002 and became a valued member of the team. She left us a year or two ago to assist with the family business but happily will be returning to us soon, now as **Rebecca Thompson**.

Rebecca received training as a road safety auditor and her return will boost the audit team in Newcastle. We provide an audit service to other offices in the Scotland and Ireland Division, both in terms of undertaking audits and providing guidance throughout the process. Other members are I/r, Brian Summers, Richard Kilner and Gordon Philpott.



*Newcastle RSA Team*

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### **Thank you from Sandy Burrell**

Dear Friends at Scott Wilson

A huge thank you to all who contributed to my leaving present. A high quality gold watch inscribed ' **To Sandy From Friends at Scott Wilson** ' is something I will cherish.

I enjoyed reading all of your comments on the cards it was a lovely thought and thank you again.

We had an excellent holiday skiing last week and my first two days at Crown have flown by, it appears that I am going to be very busy which is a good thing.

I am sure that I will be calling upon SW services at some stage so I will be seeing some of you in the not too distant future.

Best wishes and thanks again.  
Sandy Burrell

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Opportunities in Greece available for internal candidates looking for a long term secondment;

- Project Manager
- Design Check Leader

Please see the website for more information or contact [Jo Webb](#) (FOR THIS ADVERT ONLY)

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- **CAD Opportunities in the Gulf**, we are looking particularly for infrastructure candidates who are able to do utility layouts and details.
- **MX Road Designer** also required for same area asap.

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- **Head of Process Engineering**, Warrington, Process/Chemical Engineering, Grade 4.2 (job ref code C909)
  - **Civil/Structural Design/ Project Manager**, Warrington, Civil and Structural, Grade 4.1/4.2 (job ref code C910)
  - **Junior CAD Technician**, Industrial Structures, Nottingham, Grade 1.2 (job ref code C911)
  - **Principal Civil and Structural Engineers**, Warrington, Grade 4.1 (job ref code C914)
  - **Chartered/Lead Project Engineers** in Warrington and Manchester, Civil and Structural, Grade 3.2 (job ref code C915 and C913)
  - **Assistant/Support Senior Engineers** in Manchester and Warrington, Civil and Structural, (job ref codes C916 & C912)
  - **Technical Administrator**, Trackbed Technology, Nottingham, Grade 1.1/1.2 (job ref code C917)
  - **Assistant Bridge Engineer**, Basingstoke, Grade 2.3/3.1 (job ref code C918)
  - **Highways AutoCAD Technician**, Basingstoke, Grade 2.1/2.2 (job ref code C919)
  - **Assistant Highways Engineer**, Basingstoke, Grade 2.3/3.1 (job ref code C920)
  - **Health and Safety Officer**, AMScott, Mansfield, Grade 3.1 (job ref code C921)
  - **Senior Infrastructure Engineer** to be placed in our Ashford office. Grade 3.2 Vacancy Reference Number UKS1465/07
  - **Assistant Ecologist** to be placed in our Basingstoke office. Grade 2.1 Vacancy Reference Number UKS1563/07
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To apply for any of the above positions, please go to <http://careers.scottwilson.com/unite> or select the 'Jobs' option from the Menu Bar available on any page of Unite.

Here you can search for current opportunities and apply online. Where practicable, all vacancies will be advertised internally and publicised here for a period of 2 weeks. Applications from suitably qualified internal applicants are encouraged. If you wish to obtain further information about a position before applying, please contact the hiring manager (details shown on the vacancy description).

When formally applying for a vacancy, please ensure you inform your existing line manager.

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## Social and Community



Laura Higgs (Dublin City Quay office) and Gee Greenhead are proud parents of a baby girl, born Thursday 27th February 2008.

Baby Amelie weighed in at 7lbs 7oz, and she's just beautiful!

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## Buy and Sell

### Holiday apartment in Turkey

3 Bedroom, 2 bathroom, fully air conditioned, 2 level luxury apartment, 15 minutes from the famous Olu Deniz. Discount for Scott Wilson employees. [Click here for full details](#) or [click here for the website](#).

Contact [Andrew Savill](#), Basingstoke

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### Spanish Holiday Accommodation



We have a lovely contemporary style town house with sea views over the cliff tops on the northern Costa Blanca to let for holiday use.

It's on a mountain almost equidistant from either Alicante or Valencia airports (plenty of flights available via Easyjet) and is part of a community with a huge shared pool with bistro. There is accommodation for 4-6 people (two bedrooms and a bed settee in the lounge)

Please visit our link to see more pictures and much more information. Suffice to say it's a great place to relax by yourselves or with the family as you could just stay there with all the facilities you need or explore the area with its mountain and coastal walks, lovely coves and beaches and numerous markets, villages and small towns with bars, bistros, restaurants for good food and drink! <http://www.ownersdirect.co.uk/spain/S9035.htm>

Contact [Gordon Currie](#), Bristol or 0117 917 1224

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### For Sale

**Three bedroom detached house** for sale, Belper, Derbyshire. Good residential location, walking distance to Primary and Secondary schools, easy commuting to Matlock, Chesterfield and Nottingham offices, also Derby. Consists of entrance hall with WC off, leading to lounge with patio doors. Good size kitchen/diner. Upstairs, three bedrooms, master en-suite, family bathroom. Part boarded loft space. It has separate garage, plus drive capable of taking two cars, and rear garden with patio, lawned, bordered with conifers, not directly overlooked.

Full gas central heating, double glazed throughout. No chain, and available for immediate sale as I am now based in Dublin! New Price! Offers around £169,950.

For full details, contact me or see: [Click here](#).

[Sean Marshall](#), Dublin

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### For Sale

**Dell 5650 5.1-Surround Sound Computer Speakers with Subwoofer**  
Bargain at £50

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Please contact [Graham Hood](#), Basingstoke

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### Articles for Interchange

Articles should be submitted by close of business on Monday to <mailto:Interchange@scottwilson.com&subject=%20New%20Interchange%20Article> Any articles received after this deadline will be held over until the following week' s issue.

Articles must be no longer than 300 words and all pictures should be in JPEG or similar format (not embedded in a document). The contact, e-mail, and job title of the contributor should be submitted with each article.

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